

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to legislative session and be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. PETERS. Mr. President, while returning with Senate colleagues from a delegation trip to Europe to further strengthen the trans-Atlantic alliance in the context of Vladimir Putin's war against the Ukrainian people, our plane was grounded by mechanical failure. As a result, I was unable to attend vote No. 135 on the motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar No. 808, Lael Brainard, of the District of Columbia, to be Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

I would have voted yea on the motion to invoke cloture had I been able to attend the vote.

While returning with Senate colleagues from a delegation trip to Europe to further strengthen the trans-Atlantic alliance in the context of Vladimir Putin's war against the Ukrainian people, our plane was grounded by mechanical failure. As a result, I was unable to attend today's vote on No. 136 on confirmation of Executive Calendar No. 808, Lael Brainard, of the District of Columbia, to Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

I would have voted yea on the confirmation had I been able to attend the vote.

REMEMBERING DR. JON WEFALD

Mr. MARSHALL. Mr. President, I rise today to memorialize and honor one of my great friends and mentor, our former Kansas State University President Dr. Jon Wefald who passed away on April 16 after a long and illustrious life serving higher education and the State of Kansas. His work at K-State brought the university to great heights, and his realized dreams will live on forever in K-State lore.

My wife and I first met Dr. Wefald at a student recruitment dinner in Great Bend we were cohosting, where his energy was contagious and palpable. He was a young university president with a vision and a purpose we all wanted to be part of. He made every student in the room know they were each important, and K-State would help them realize their dreams. We remained friends up until the time of his passing with regular communications and advice. I will miss him.

Dr. Wefald served as K-State's 12th president from 1986 to 2009 and is cred-

ited with growing the university into a top 10 land-grant university. During his 23 years of leadership, the university added 2.2 million square feet of new buildings. He also helped philanthropy increase from \$6 million a year to nearly \$100 million annually.

Under his leadership, K-State quickly became one of the Nation's distinguished research and doctoral universities. Enrollment increased from 16,000 students to more than 23,000 under his tenure, and with the growth in students came a monumental growth in research funding from \$18 million annually to nearly \$134 million. Both of these increases have led to astounding innovations from all parts of the university. Last, but not least of his achievements, Dr. Wefald was also in charge of hiring the iconic football coach Bill Snyder, which led to the greatest turnaround in NCAA sports history.

We all mourn the loss of this beloved K-State president who shaped countless students' and faculty members' lives. His leadership, passion, and dedication to K-State and the great State of Kansas will never be forgotten. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family, friends, and K-State family. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the wonderful career and life of Mr. Jon Wefald. A true inspiration to the State of Kansas, fighting ever fighting for a wildcat victory.

TRIBUTE TO JERRY FARLEY

Mr. MARSHALL. Mr. President, I rise today to honor and recognize Jerry Farley, the president of Washburn University. Dr. Farley announced his plans to retire and transition to a president emeritus role, where he and his signature bow tie will remain a part of fundraising and international student recruitment.

Farley was born in Oklahoma, but moved to Topeka in 1997 after spending 25 years in various administrative roles in Oklahoma, including the role of vice president at Oklahoma University. On July 1, 1997, Farley became Washburn University's 16th president. During his leadership, Farley's vision to change Washburn from a commuter school to one that prioritized campus life has become a reality. With his wife Susan serving by his side through the years, they have helped influence and nurture student to work hard and leave the university as leaders.

During his tenure, Washburn University added several buildings to its campus, including the \$20 million Living Learning Center residential hall, as well as the addition of Washburn Tech, the Kansas Bureau of Investigation Laboratory, and a statue honoring one of the Ichobods' favorite sons, the late great Senator Bob Dole.

In addition to his hard work and dedication to help build the reputation of the University, Dr. Farley always did an outstanding job of representing the State of Kansas and Washburn Uni-

versity as a whole. His leadership does not go unnoticed. As we celebrate his legacy, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the wonderful career of Dr. Jerry Farley and wish him and Susan nothing but joy and happiness in his next chapter of life.

TRIBUTE TO CALEB SMITH

Mr. MARSHALL. Mr. President, I rise today to honor and recognize Caleb Smith of Newton, KS. Caleb is the recipient of the 2021-2022 Kansas principal of the year.

Caleb has shown outstanding leadership at Newton High School in order to earn this award. His passion for the students, working with the staff, and creative ideas to enhance technology at the school all contributed to this great success. Caleb found out about this honor Monday, April 11, following a school scavenger hunt where he walked all over the campus to find his students presenting the award to him. Superintendent Fred Van Ranken celebrated Caleb saying, "Mr. Smith has done an outstanding job of trying to create an amazing culture at Newton High School and within the Newton communities, and it shows. I am so happy for Caleb to be recognized at the state level for what he and his team are doing at USD 373."

This is an honor that Caleb should be immensely proud of. After reading through countless quotes from fellow teachers and Newton students, it is clear that Caleb has a true passion—and immense talent—for teaching our future leaders. This award is a testament to all of his hard work in providing outstanding education for all students that walk through his classroom. I am ecstatic to hear about the impact this great Kansan is having on our future generations. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Caleb Smith of Newton, KS.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO FARHAT QAZI

• Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, I rise today to honor a Michigander who is working every day to build bridges and bring people together at a very important time for our country and our world.

Farhat Qazi of West Bloomfield is an entrepreneur and a philanthropist. She is also a woman of deep faith who believes that religion can be a powerful force for peace and unity in the world.

In pursuit of this noble goal, Qazi created Children of Abraham Day, which was recognized in Michigan on December 4, 2020. The day is an opportunity for Jews, Muslims, and Christians to celebrate their shared origins as descendants of the Prophet Abraham; their reverence for the city of Jerusalem; and their common beliefs in love, charity, and moral behavior.

Far too often throughout history, religious differences have led to strife,